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Please amend the paragraphs of the specification as follows:

Page 1, before paragraph 0001, please insert -- This application is a non-provisional application claiming priority to provisional application Serial No.60/421,244, filed on October 25, 2002, entitled "Method and System For Code Combining at an Outer Decoder on a Communication System".--

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